

**Amendment to the Specification**

Please replace paragraph [0001] with the following amended paragraph:

The subject matter of this application is related to the subject matter of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/608,191 entitled "MESSAGE-BASED SCALABLE DATA TRANSPORT PROTOCOL", filed of even date with this application, having the same inventor as this application, assigned or under obligation of assignment to the same entity as this application, and which application is incorporated by reference herein.